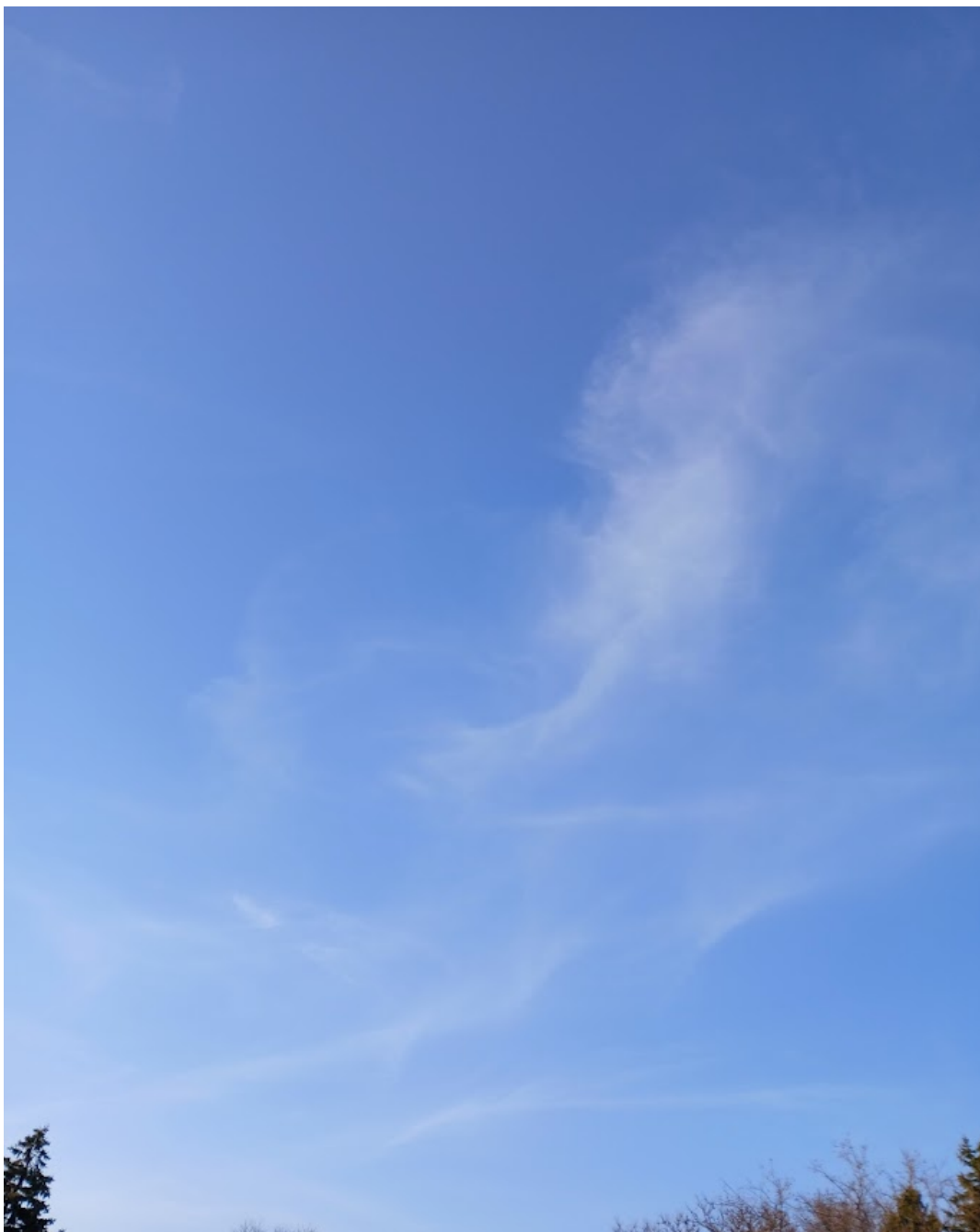


It Didn't Go Away



You saw it once.

That should have been enough.

But it stayed.

Not clearer.

Not stronger.

Just... still there.

Long enough
that ignoring it
became the effort.

It didn't go away.